

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the aforementioned final Office Action dated April 8, 2010. By this communication, claims 10, 11, 15 and 16 are amended, and claims 12-14 are cancelled. Claims 17-20 are not amended and remain in the application. Thus, claims 10, 11 and 15-20 are pending in the application. Claim 10 is independent.

Reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for kindly indicating that claim 14 recites allowable subject matter. As presented in the Amendment filed on December 28, 2009, claim 14 depended from claim 13, which depended from claim 12, which depended from claim 10.

Accordingly, claim 10 has been amended to include the features of claims 12-14. Claims 12-14 have been accordingly cancelled.

The Office also required that various acronyms in claim 13 be defined. Claim 10 has accordingly been amended to define the acronyms previously contained in cancelled claim 13.

In addition, claims 11 and 16 have each been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the features of claims 11 and 16 in view of the amendments to claim 10.

Claims 15 and 16, which previously depended from claim 12, have been amended to depend from amended claim 10. The change in dependencies of claims 15 and 16 does not present new issues for consideration and/or search, because claim 10 has been amended to include the features of claim 12, from which claims 15 and 16 previously depended. The Office also required that various acronyms in claims 15 and 16 be defined. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to define the acronyms recited therein, as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the Examiner's indication of the allowable subject matter of claim 14, and in view of the correction of the claim objections noted on page 2 of the Office

Action, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10, as well as claims 11 and 15-20 which depend therefrom, are allowable.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request a favorable examination and consideration of the instant application.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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